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In re Application of)
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for RAZOR BLADE CARTRIDGE HAVING) Group Art Unit: 3724
GUARD RIBS AND METHODS THEREFOR)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

In response to the Communication dated February 11, 2003, Applicants elect to pursue in this application claims associated with Group I (claims 1-24).

In accordance with the additional directive of the Examiner to elect a species of invention, Applicants hereby elect to initially pursue in this application Species I (Figs. 1-3) corresponding to claims 1-12, 14 and 15.

Applicants reserve the right to later pursue in this application claims directed to other species enumerated by the Examiner should a claim be allowed that is generic to all of the enumerated species associated with the elected invention.

No fees or deficiencies in fees are believed to be owed. However, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 13-0235 in the event any such fees are owed.

Respectfully submitted,

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